

# CURRICULUM COUNCIL

May 23, 2012

Minutes



- ☐ Welcome – Committee Work
  - Communication | Contribution | Collaboration
  
- ☐ Continuing Our Focus
  - Continued support of writer's workshop K - 8
  - Continued support of SAS & curriculum development in the Toolbox
  - Integration of literacy strategies across content areas
  
- ☐ Technology Integration and CCSS – Mr. Kresley
  - *Mr. Kresley shared with us a resource he created to provide teachers with online resources they can use to assist in integrating Common Core State Standards. These resources are available for teachers from the wiki under the May 2012 CC link.*
  
- ☐ Curriculum template (LFS/SAS/Hybrid)
  - What components are important?
  - What template will we use?
  - *The group worked in partners and then as a group to create a curriculum template that will be used starting this summer for curriculum writing that integrates the common core standards as well as specific literacy components to include reading, writing, speaking, and listening into all curricular areas. Template components include the following areas and will be used via the SAS tool at [www.pdesas.org](http://www.pdesas.org):*
    - *Standards and Eligible Content*
    - *Vocabulary*
    - *KUD (Know, Understand, Do)*
    - *Suggested Timeframe*
    - *Assessment*
    - *Literacy Connection*
    - *Instructional Strategies*
    - *Differentiation Notes*
    - *Resources*
  
- ☐ Restructuring curriculum council and introduction of literacy coaches - *The group discussed Daphne's proposed curriculum council structure, which was a revision from the original to include an emphasis on literacy and mathematics, a specific grade-level focus across K-12, and integrated student support. The proposed structure was revised by council members to include the following changes:*

## FROM:

- K-2 literacy coordinator
- K-2 mathematics coordinator
- 3-5 literacy coordinator
- 3-5 mathematics coordinator
- Guidance coordinator K-12
- Integrated student support
- Practical Arts & BCIT coordinator

## TO:

- K-5 literacy coordinator ME
- K-5 mathematics coordinator ME
- K-5 literacy coordinator - WS
- K-5 mathematics coordinator – WS
- Student support coordinator (K-12 Guidance & Special Education)
- Careers Coordinator (7-12 Ag, FCS, Tech Ed, BCIT)

- *Additional changes will be reflected in the posting to begin during the 2012-2013 school year.*
  - *There was no discussion specific to literacy coaches.*
- *iPads – A brief discussion took place regarding iPads. Concerns were expressed to include the importance of all high school teachers having iPads should a 1:1 implementation occur. Council members see technology as a valuable tool for student learning, and are in support of a 1:1 implementation that begins at the high school level. It was also shared that iPads have become a valuable resource for elementary students. Kathy shared that she has seen positive results with her students as a result of using several iPad applications to provide additional support in mathematics.*
- *Ideas for half-hour monthly grade-level/department meetings – There was some brief conversation about using technology resources such as Skype as a resource for conducting grade-level/department meetings.*
- *Our Commitment to Literacy – What will we do more of next year? – This is something to be thinking about as we prepare for curriculum writing. We have been focusing on reading and writing integration over the past three years as we have committed to Reading Apprenticeship training, training from National Writing Project trainers from Penn State University, and work with Common Core Standards.*
- *Discovery Education licensing - The question was raised about continuing Discovery Education licenses for next year. Most people were not aware that such a resource existing for staff and students. Daphne will send out an email to everyone with the login information. She will also plan to renew the subscription for next school year.*
- *Other Items*
- *Please note that other resources were placed on the wiki under the May 2012 CC link to include the 2012-2013 PSSA window dates, the three-year assessment transition board report, and the 2012-2013 Keystone Exam windows.*

*“If you’re going to teach him how to write, first you have to love him.  
If you can convince him of that, there’s nothing you can’t teach him.”*

*--AVI*